

1 **Amendments to the Abstract:**

2 Please replace the abstract with the following:

3 A process for oxidation of methanol, ethanol, or a mixture of methanol and ethanol
4 comprising contacting the methanol and/or ethanol with an oxygen-containing gas and a
5 supported catalyst comprising one or more platinum group oxides. The process conditions
6 and/or catalyst may be selected to as to selectively produce methyl formate from methanol or
7 diethoxyethane from ethanol. The invention also includes certain novel supported platinum
8 group metal oxide catalysts. Preferred catalysts include one or more ruthenium oxides.

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